

Now is the time to renew the import ban on all products from Burma for another year.

Let me be clear—I am disappointed that the ban has not moved Burma any closer to national reconciliation and a democratic government.

Indeed, as I have noted, the regime has taken several steps in the wrong direction.

But we have the opportunity to review these sanctions every year.

Last year we passed legislation allowing the sanctions to be renewed, once a year, for up to three more years until 2012.

Simply put, if we fail to renew the import ban, we will reward the military regime for its decades' long record of oppression.

We will reward them for keeping the true leader of Burma, Suu Kyi, behind bars and under house arrest for the better part of 20 years.

We will reward them for forcing the National League for Democracy to close its doors.

We will reward them for 2,100 political prisoners, the use of child soldiers, the persecution of ethnic minorities, the use of rape as an instrument of war, the use of torture, the use of forced labor, and the displacement of civilians.

Indeed, the standards for lifting the sanctions are clear. The regime must make "substantial and measureable progress" towards ending violations of internationally recognized human rights; releasing all political prisoners; allowing freedom of speech and press; allowing freedom of association; permitting the peaceful exercise of religion; and bringing to a conclusion an agreement between the SPDC and the National League for Democracy and Burma's ethnic nationalities on the restoration of a democratic government.

By every measure, the regime has failed to even come close to meeting these conditions. So we must act to renew the import ban.

But we cannot act alone.

I urge the United Nations and the international community to follow our lead and put pressure on the regime to abandon this process, release political prisoners, and draft a truly democratic and representative constitution.

I urge my colleagues to support this joint resolution.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 514—CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION AND SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF THE 11TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK, TO BE HELD MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 8, 2010

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. VITTER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 514

Whereas charter schools deliver high-quality public education and challenge all students to reach their potential;

Whereas charter schools promote innovation and excellence in public education;

Whereas charter schools provide thousands of families with diverse and innovative educational options for their children;

Whereas charter schools are public schools authorized by a designated public entity that respond to the needs of communities, families, and students in the United States, and promote the principles of quality, accountability, choice, and innovation;

Whereas, in exchange for flexibility and autonomy, charter schools are held accountable by their sponsors for improving student achievement and for the financial and other operations of the charter schools;

Whereas 40 States, the District of Columbia, and Guam have passed laws authorizing charter schools;

Whereas 4,956 charter schools are operating nationwide, serving more than 1,600,000 students;

Whereas, in fiscal year 2010 and the 16 previous fiscal years, Congress has provided a total of more than \$2,734,370,000 in financial assistance to the charter school movement through grants for planning, startup, implementation, dissemination, and facilities;

Whereas numerous charter schools improve the achievements of students and stimulate improvement in traditional public schools;

Whereas charter schools are required to meet the student achievement accountability requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) in the same manner as traditional public schools;

Whereas charter schools often set higher and additional individual goals than the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) to ensure that charter schools are of high quality and truly accountable to the public;

Whereas charter schools give parents the freedom to choose public schools, routinely measure parental satisfaction levels, and must prove their ongoing success to parents, policymakers, and the communities served by the charter schools;

Whereas more than 50 percent of charter schools report having a waiting list, and the total number of students on all such waiting lists is enough to fill more than 1,100 average-sized charter schools;

Whereas the President has called for doubling the Federal support for charter schools, including replicating and expanding

the highest performing charter models to meet the dramatic demand created by the more than 365,000 children on charter school waiting lists; and

Whereas the 11th annual National Charter Schools Week is to be held May 2, through May 8, 2010; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for ongoing contributions to education, the impressive strides made in closing the persistent academic achievement gap in the United States, and improving and strengthening the public school system in the United States;

(2) supports the ideals and goals of the 11th annual National Charter Schools Week, a week-long celebration to be held May 2 through May 8, 2010, in communities throughout the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to hold appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities during National Charter Schools Week to demonstrate support for charter schools.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3815. Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3816. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3817. Mr. WHITEHOUSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3818. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3819. Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3820. Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3821. Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3822. Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself